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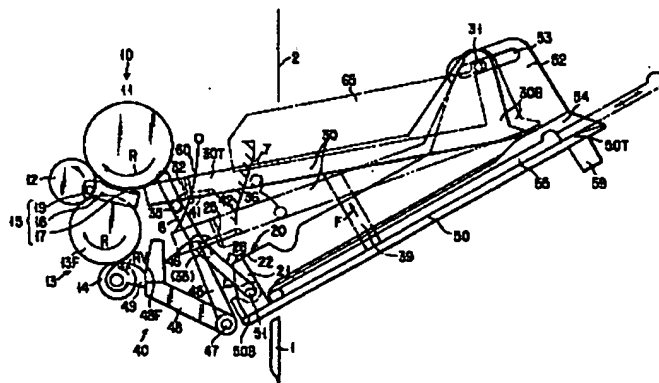
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**D-65189 Wiesbaden (DE)**(54) **Paper sheet feeder device.**

(57) A paper sheet feeder device (10) for the printer apparatus includes a plate (30) on which a stack of paper sheets is mounted, a paper feeder roller (11) arranged above the front end (30T) of the paper feeder plate (30) and rotated to pick up the paper sheets from the paper feeder plate (30), a cover (50) for supporting the paper feeder plate (30) to cause the paper sheets to be in contact with the paper feeder roller (11), and a paper sheet separator pad (17) arranged adjacent to the front end (30T) of the paper feeder plate (30) to introduce the paper sheets

from the paper feeder plate (30) to a certain position on the outer circumference of the roller (11) and cooperate with the roller (11) to separate the top one from the other paper sheets on the paper feeder plate (30). In particular, the cover (50) includes a projecting section (52) for freely swingably supporting the rear end (30B) of the paper feeder plate (30) when it is projected outside through an opening formed in a side of the printer apparatus, and a spring (39) for urging the paper feeder plate (30) to the roller (11).

**FIG. 4****EP 0 675 414 A2**